DEMAND XVIII—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, AYURVEDA AND SANITATION.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 115 under Demand XVIII—Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda and Sanitation, for the establishment of a conservancy station at Vizhinjam. Vizhinjam is a coast village in Kottukal pakuthi in the Neyyattinkara taluk, with a population of over 3,000 and the sanitation there is very unsatisfactory. There is no arrangement at present to keep the village clean. The Sanitary Commissioner has been repeatedly pressing upon the Government, the need for making arrangements for establishing a conservancy station there. For that purpose, he has proposed a small staff, *i. e.*, one Overseer and four sweepers. The monthly cost amounts to Rs. 46 and the provision of Rs. 115 is for 2½ months in the current year.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House accepts the demand?

The grant was made.

LEGISLATION.

THE TRAVANCORE CINEMATOGRAPH BILL.

PRESIDENT: We will now proceed to the Legislative business of the day.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, the Cinematograph Bill comes up for final reading. Before that is taken up I have a small amendment to move to clauses 5, 7, 8 and 9. The amendment is as follows :—

"Substitute the word "Our" for the word "the" wherever it occurs before the word "Government".

At the second reading of the Bill, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai moved the same amendment in regard to one particular clause and that was accepted. I then promised to the House that I shall move the same amendment in regard to other clauses also where the same word occurs. Hence the present motion.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I second it.

The motion was then put and carried.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): As there are no further amendments, I move that the Cinematograph Bill as amended be finally read and passed.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I beg to second it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I object to the passing of the Bill. I oppose the third reading and passing of the Bill not that I do not want the Bill to be passed, but because of other grounds. For example, this is only a toy Bill in the passing of which the people are not very much interested. There is more important legislative business, for example, there is the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill. There has been a good deal of agitation in the country and the matter was brought to

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the notice of Government by means of public meetings and resolutions. In spite of the fact that public opinion was clearly shown that the people want the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill which was published in the Gazette to be taken up for consideration, the Government have not moved an inch in the matter. This agitation for the passing of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill began some 15 years back and that is continuing year after year in the history of the State. That has reached its zenith. But Government have not moved an inch. Therefore my objection is not with regard to the third reading of the Bill and passing this particular Bill by this House, but to show the keen feeling on the part of the people against the attitude of the Government in not moving for legislating on matters in which people are very much interested. Talking from the people's point of view, we are not concerned with the Cinematograph Bill. The Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill is a matter in which the people are vitally interested day after day in home life. But nothing has been done in that matter. By means of interpellations we have brought the matter to the notice of the House. By means of resolutions also we have brought it to the attention of this House. On these occasions the Government replied "that will be considered". And when this new Council met, I interpellated Government as to what action the Government have taken with regard to the people's representation. I got a reply to the effect that the Bill would be introduced as early as possible. The period of this Council is about to be over and nothing has been done till now in the matter. Therefore on that ground I oppose the third reading and passing of the Bill by this House.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I need hardly say that this objection is quite irrelevant to the Bill under discussion. However, I may point out that it is not correct to say that nothing has been done in the matter of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill. Three years or so ago an amending Bill was published in the Gazette.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): We have no information.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Bill was published in the Gazette. There has been agitation about it and some representations have been received by the Government and they are under consideration. So it is not quite correct to say that nothing has been done.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What is the date of the publication of the draft Bill?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): About three years ago.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from him whether it was in 1922?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It may be about that time. As has been stated in answer to an interpellation there have been representations both from Jenmies and Kudiyans and those are under consideration. However Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai's objection has nothing to do with the Bill under discussion.

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MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is the member aware that the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill was quite ready for introduction in the last Council?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): May be; I am not quite sure of that.

As I was submitting, when once the principle has been accepted and when once the Bill has been read a second time, there is no reason whatever why it should not be finally read and passed.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know whether the Bill will be introduced in this Council?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The difficulty is that there are representations from both parties.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not better that the Bill be amended by the House?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That may be done when it comes up for discussion. This Bill that has already been taken up may be finally read and passed.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know what action the Government have taken on these representations?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): All those representations are receiving consideration. Government have already published a Bill. That Bill has to be reconsidered in the light of the new representations.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I beg to second Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai and I am of opinion that the Law Member's view that Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai's argument is all beside the point is incorrect. This is the only way to bring to the notice of the Government, the need for considering the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill already published by the Government. In fact, the pendency of that publication creates the hope in the mind of the representatives of the people that the Government are prepared to do something in the matter. It therefore precludes any attempt on the part of the non-official members to introduce a measure affecting the Jenmies and Kudiyans. To keep the matter in suspense like that is certainly an awkward proceeding on the part of the Government. Therefore the only way is to oppose a measure which the Government seem to be rather desirous of passing when more important measures are needed by the country. Therefore the procedure followed by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai seems to be allright and it is no good to say that this is irrelevant. The only thing is that there is sourness behind it. I am of opinion that there is a lot of reason why Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai should oppose it.

PRESIDENT: The business at present before the House is whether it is willing to pass the final reading of the Travancore Cinematograph Bill or not and it is my business to ascertain the sense of the House on that point and that alone. Those who are in favour of the final reading of the Bill may please signify their assent by raising their hands.

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The motion was carried by a large majority.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): There is one further motion, Sir. I move that the Bill be brought into operation from the 1st Tulam 1103. Some time may be required for drafting the necessary rules.

MR. V. S. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR (*Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to second it.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House accepts that date?

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE MINES AND MINERALS BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Mines and Minerals Bill and beg to move that the Bill as reported by the committee be taken up for consideration.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I second it.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Title.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I move that the word "Bill" after "A" and before "to", in the title of the Bill be substituted by the word "Regulation".

Sir, in the copy of the original Bill the word "Regulation" occurs for the word "Bill". Now in the copy of the Bill as revised by the Select Committee, the word "Regulation" has been changed into "Bill". The report of the Select Committee does not make any mention of this change nor has any explanation been given anywhere for this change. I therefore move that the word "Bill" be changed into "Regulation".

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That expression is not a portion of the enactment. The enactment begins only from the preamble. The portion referred to is only the heading. Correctly speaking, it is only a Bill that is being considered. The change suggested will be made when the Bill is finally passed and receives the assent of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In view of the explanation given, I withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is usually done when the Bill is finally passed.

May I take it that the House permits Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai to withdraw his amendment?

The amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I do not move the next amendment standing in my name.

The following amendment was not moved:

"Insert the words "of labour in" between "for the Regulation" and "and inspection" in the title of the Bill.

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